



## Faith Friends & Family Announcements and News for March 4<sup>th</sup> – March 17<sup>th</sup>

*Log onto Faith's website [www.faithlutheranokemos.org](http://www.faithlutheranokemos.org) 24/7 for updates*

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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Please lift up in prayer this week:

- ✠ Members—Max Ambs, Lowell Barricklow, Ellen Milne, Tammy Heilman, and Virginia Tashner.
- ✠ Friends and family—  
Harriet, Todd Barricklow, Greg Beckwith, Carol Coyer, Kay Coker, Chris Cotter, Terrie Becker, Brian Fent, Allyson, Heather, Erin, Al, Sai, Jeanne Hicks, Emily, Rod Kaschner, Eshwar Lingamgunta, Jenn Leitch, Brian Johnson, Meredith, Jeanne and Leonard, John Joseph Lanzetta, Johnathon Manitta family, Loretta Milne, Bethany Robison, Karen Smiley, Jean Smith, Scott Seeley, “Little Zee” (3 yr. old daughter of a friend of Brenda Kopf’s), the White family and Max Whitmyer.
- ✠ Our mission partner congregation—Lansing Redeemer Lutheran Church
- ✠ Those in military service—Jon Schoepf, Lani Yearicks, Melody and Adam Wright and Joe Galvin.
- ✠ Samaritas children who seek adoption. Pray for each to be adopted and for Jesus to be their lifelong friends

### **NORTH/WEST LOWER MICHIGAN SYNOD PRAYER PARTNER**

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March 3<sup>rd</sup>: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. Jane Mountain and the congregation of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church of Muskegon, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

March 11<sup>th</sup>: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. Chris Anderson and the congregation of Samuel Lutheran Church of Muskegon, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

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**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

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<b>Weekly Offering</b>	<b>2/25/18</b>	<b>Year-to-date as of 1/31/18</b>	
Loose Cash	\$ 65.00	Income	\$17,166
Flowers	\$ 75.00	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$25,058</u>
World Hunger	\$ 32.50	<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-7892</b>
Facility Rental	\$ 100.00		
Youth			
Blast off for Books	\$ 8.00		
National Gathering	\$ 40.00		
Retreat	\$ 50.00		
Books	\$ 12.00		
Michigan Refugee Hope	\$ 99.00		
Parish House	\$ 50.00		
Vision 2020	\$12,000.00		
General Fund	\$3105.00		
Samaritas Cards	\$ 10.00		
Easter Food Baskets	\$ 45.00		
Loaves & Fishes	\$ 10.00		
Subtotal	\$15,701.50		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,701.50</b>		

## **Vision 2020 Progress**

	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Pledged</b>	<b>Total Paid</b>
<b>Parking Lot</b>	<b>\$ 35,000</b>	<b>\$ 13,975</b>	<b>\$13,250.00</b>
<b>Pavilion</b>	<b>\$ 30,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,100</b>	<b>\$ 1,100.00</b>
<b>Transformation Fund</b>	<b>\$ 66,500</b>	<b>\$ 10,625</b>	<b>\$ 7,400.00</b>
<b>Audio/Video</b>	<b>\$ 35,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,700</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>
<b>Organ</b>	<b>\$ 24,000</b>	<b>\$ 24,000</b>	<b>\$ 715.00</b>
<b>MIDI</b>	<b>\$ 9,500</b>	<b>\$ 9,500</b>	<b>\$ 9,500.00</b>
<b>Not Designated</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 37,715</b>	<b>\$31,013.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$102,615</b>	<b>\$65,978.00</b>

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## **ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

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**Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>: Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Gus & Mara Lusic in memory of Ariana Mae Lusic.**

**Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>: Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Faith Lutheran Church.**

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THIS WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

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Today

- 9:00 a.m.      Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m.     Worship: Pastor Neves Preaching
- 11:30 a.m.     Worship Committee
- 5:30 p.m.      Beer & Hymns

Monday, March 5th

- 9:30 a.m.      Meridian Township Playgroup

Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

Noon Study in Pastor's office

Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

- 7:30 a.m.      Men's Study
- 9:30 a.m.      Quilting and Samaritas ACTION
- 5:30 p.m.      Joyful Noise
- 5:45 p.m.      Meal is served
- 6:15 p.m.      Faith Bells
- 6:30 p.m.      Trinity & Confirmation and activities for pk-3<sup>rd</sup>
- 7:15 p.m.      Lenten Worship Service

\*\*The Book study and Nooma Video series will resume following Lent\*\*

Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

- 11:30 a.m.     Caregivers Support Meeting

Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>:

Saturday, March 10: New Fellowship Hall Rented

Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> \*\*Daylight Savings Time Begins\*\*

- 9:00 a.m.      Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m.     Worship
- 3:00 p.m.      Worship at the Willows

Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

- 9:30 a.m.      Meridian Township Playgroup

Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

Noon Study in Pastor's office

Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>:

7:30 a.m. Men's Study

9:30 a.m. Quilting and Samaritas ACTION

5:30 p.m. Joyful Noise

5:45 p.m. Meal is served

5:45 p.m. Trinity and Confirmation students leave for Okemos Community Church to Pack Weekend Survival Kits  
\*\*Must register by Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>\*\*

6:15 p.m. Faith Bells

6:30 p.m. Activities for Pk-3rd

7:15 p.m. Lenten Worship Service

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Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m. RIC Meeting

Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m. Euchre Tournament

Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

1-6 p.m. Confirmation Day Event

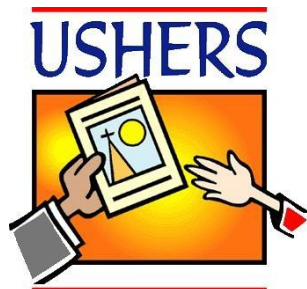
6-12 p.m. Lock-in (Confirmation and High School Students Welcome)

12-Sunday Worship: Overnight Lock-in.

Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>: **EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS DUE**

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We are still in need of Ushers for the month of April, including Holy Week and Easter. If you are able to help please contact Ken Schoepf at [kjschoepf@yahoo.com](mailto:kjschoepf@yahoo.com)



## Palm Sunday, Holy Week & Easter

### Sunday, March 25 – Palm Sunday – 10:00 AM

*This service marks the beginning of Holy Week. Be present to discover your own rootedness in the drama which is Christ's passion, a drama that has no audience. As we begin this holiest of weeks, this is a drama in which we are participants. Come and allow the Passion story to embrace you, name you, shape your very being and become your story!*

### Maundy Thursday, March 29 – 7:00 PM Eucharist

*Jesus is making his journey to the cross. That journey includes time with the disciples in that upper room meal where Jesus gives us a new commandment and greets us with his very life and blood. Be present in the quiet as the altar is stripped and we follow Jesus' journey to Gethsemane.*



HOLY WEEK  
WORSHIP  
SCHEDULE

### Good Friday, March 30 – 7:00 PM Service – at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

*On the evening of this day we call "Good," be present as we join the congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church to experience the Service of Tenebrae. From Latin, the word **Tenebrae** means "darkness" and commemorates the final hours of our Lord's life on earth as he suffered death upon the cross. As the candles are extinguished, they symbolize the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus. The gradual darkening of the church portrays the diminishing light of the world as Christ was departing from it. If you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir and St. Paul's Choir in the presentation of "Tenebrae" by Hopson that evening please see Deb Borton.*

### Easter Sunday, April 1 – Easter Breakfast & 10:00 Eucharist

*Come and join us for a delicious breakfast on this most festive of days. A continental breakfast begins at 8:30 AM. Then, rejoice with us in worship as we celebrate Christ's resurrection. Our alleluias will again be proclaimed as we share the joy of the Risen Christ.*



# Food Collection

## EASTER BASKET FOOD DRIVE

My children, we should love people not only with words and talk, but by our actions and true caring.

1 John 3:18

The Caring Committee is sponsoring the annual Easter Basket Food Drive. Meridian Township Human Resources Dept. provides us with the names of 20 families that need a little extra help. Faith members are blessed to be able to help by providing any/or all the items listed below.

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| Cereal                       | Peanut Butter            |
| Muffin Mix                   | Boxed Desserts           |
| Juice                        | Easter Candy             |
| Boxed Potatoes               | Easter Egg Coloring Kits |
| Tuna                         | Mac & Cheese             |
| Canned Fruits and Vegetables |                          |

Cash donations help with the purchase of the hams, eggs, and milk for the families. **The delivery date is Palm Sunday, March 25.** Please see the sign-up sheet on the information board in the narthex.

Thank you for your support, care for others and prayers as we do HIS work in the community

EASTER BREAKFAST



# Easter Morning Breakfast

April 1<sup>st</sup>

8:30-9:30 a.m.

Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Please contact Brenda Kopf with any questions.

517-927-1800

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT NEWS



**\*\*Rescheduled from February\*\***

**Euchre Tournament  
Friday, March 16th at 7pm**

**Come and join Membership  
Development for a fun night**

**of Euchre. If you do not know how to play that's o.k.-  
we will teach you! Bring your own beverage, we will  
provide a few snacks that won't get the cards dirty!**

**Sign up in the Narthex on the Membership  
Development clip board. Hope to see you there!**

## CAREGIVING MEETING

MARCH 8, 2018 @ 11:30

Jessica Corson with Anew Moon Yoga & Wellness,  
Meditation and Relaxation

**COME JOIN FOR A LITE LUNCH AND  
DISCUSSION. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Mark your calendars for our upcoming  
topics:**

April 12<sup>th</sup> – Video (PBS special) Caring for Mom & Dad. This is an hour-long video.

May 10<sup>th</sup> – How to manage emotionally as the Caregiver when your loved one is placed in assisted living or long-term care facility. Speaker – Heather Kaslo

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**60 +/-**  
**March 28, 2018**  
**11:30 a.m.**

Brown Bag Lunch and Talk. Michelle Haskell, from the Nussdorfer Center in Lansing and Laurie Hereza, from Faith Lutheran Church. They will provide information and updates on the Parish House Project at Faith. If you are able to join us, please use the sign-up sheet on the 60 +/- board. We will provide the beverages.

Any Questions please contact Marla Holle at 349-5265.



## Parish House Updates/News

To help enable independence and encourage important life skills for budgeting and planning meals, we will be collecting gift cards to Meijer and cash donations for the youth for groceries. They have been working on these skills and we will continue to work with them as they move here beginning next week. Donations can be given at the regular offering time in a separate envelope marked "Groceries".

## FAITH LUTHERAN GOLF LEAGUE

### **ANNOUNCING - FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH GOLF LEAGUE**

We are forming a Faith Lutheran Golf League. Find a partner and join by signing up on the sheet in the Narthex. You may partner with your spouse, a friend or even one of your kids. We will be meeting and playing on Thursday afternoon/evenings at Wheatfield Valley Golf Course in Williamston. Our first night of play will be Thursday, May 10, and our tee off time is 5:30 PM. If you have any questions, please speak to Pastor Ellen or Ken. A fun time will be experienced by all!

## CHURCH RENTAL

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know that our Faith Lutheran facility is available for special events like showers, parties, weddings, etc. If you know of friends who are looking for a venue for such an occasion, please refer them to our Faith Lutheran website [www.faithlutheranokemos.org](http://www.faithlutheranokemos.org)

Our Facility Rental Forms have now been posted on the website.

# March:

- 4<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. Sunday School PK-3 and Trinity 4-6  
7<sup>th</sup>: 6:30-7:10 Trinity (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>) Confirmation (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) and activities for (pk-3<sup>rd</sup>) 7:15 p.m. Lenten Worship Service.  
11<sup>th</sup>: 9 a.m. Sunday School PK-3 and Trinity 4-6  
14<sup>th</sup>: 5:45 Trinity & Confirmation Serving Night at OCC.  
17<sup>th</sup>: 1:00 Confirmation Day Event, 6:00 p.m. Confirmation and Youth Lock-in.  
18<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. Sunday School PK-3 and Trinity 4-6  
21<sup>st</sup> 6:30-7:10 Trinity (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>) Confirmation (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) and activities for (pk-3<sup>rd</sup>) 7:15 p.m. Lenten Worship Service.  
25<sup>th</sup>: 9 a.m. Sunday School PK-3 and Trinity 4-6  
28<sup>th</sup>-April 8<sup>th</sup> No Sunday School/Trinity/Confirmation Programming.

DCYE/PARISH ED



On Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> all Trinity and Confirmation kids are invited to join as we travel to Okemos Community Church to help pack food for the "Weekend Survival Kit's" program. We will need permission slips for all children attending.

We will also need drivers. We will be leaving the church at 5:45 p.m. and returning around 7:30/7:45. Please sign up your Trinity or Confirmation Student by Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094caaa623a3f49-wednesday2>



## Confirmation Day Event:

**Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. 1-6 p.m.:**

**Fun, Food, Games, Study and making their Faith Journey Scrap Books.**

Followed by..

**Confirmation & High School Lock in.**

**Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m. – midnight.**

**Students can stay midnight until morning worship if desired. Please let Tara know.**





Visit the SPONSOR Board in the Narthex to sponsor a portion of our trip to Houston!! Thanks for your support!

DCYE/PARISH ED

**BLAST OFF  
FOR BOOKS**

The 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering  
Houston Literacy Campaign



The teens going to the ELCA gathering are collecting books for the children of Houston as part of our offering. These books will be handed out at community book fairs, camps and other events around the city

as part of the Gathering's Service and Learning experience.

Ways you can participate

1. Place a monetary donation in the BLAST OFF FOR BOOKS box in the narthex. We will use that money to buy the designated books.
2. Use the list provided on the BLAST OFF FOR BOOKS table to purchase the books requested. **Please note ONLY books on the list will be accepted.** Books must be new or gently used. On the list there is a link to an amazon page that has all the books listed for purchase.

Please let Katie or Tara know if you have any questions!!

Thank you for your support!

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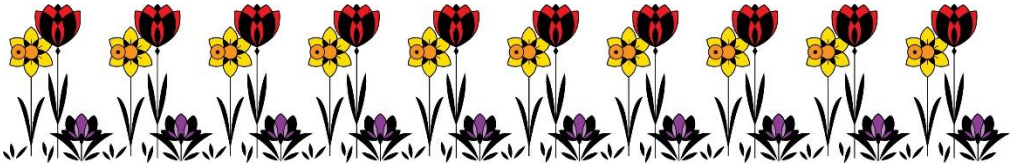
**BOOKS of the BIBLE**

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The Trinity and Confirmation Students are challenged to learn the books of the Old and New Testament. Congratulations to the following students who have already mastered the books of the New Testament.

Austin Jones, Sean O'Brien, Lily O'Brien, Kaden Steinke, Olivia Love, Serena Ngasala, Rachael Ngasala, Atu Ngasala.

Keep studying!! Challenge runs through April 25!



# 2018 EASTER FLOWER DEDICATION

**Order deadline: March 18th**

I would like to order the following flower(s) to be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>FLOWER(S)</u>	<u>ORDER TOTAL</u>
_____	Daffodil(s) \$10 ea.	_____
_____	Tulip(s)* \$10 ea.	_____

\*Color selection for tulips: Purple Pink Yellow Red

Please PRINT your dedication(s) below:

Name person(s) dedicating:

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In memory of:

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In honor of:

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In celebration of:

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Make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church  
Place this dedication form in Katie Love's mailbox or office.

*Please pick up your flower(s)  
after worship service Easter Sunday*